Inam villages and the original classification in 9 out of them, were completed. The Resurvey operations were, as in last year, mainly confined to the reclassification of wet and garden lands and to such measurement as was necessary for settlement purposes. Reclassification was made in 82 Government villages in the Nanjangud and Kankanhalli Taluks which were left over at the end of the previous year, and in 20 Inam villages, comprising in all 1,678 fields with an area of 5,363 acres. The monsoon work of the Field Establishments consisted mainly of Akar work, and during the greater part of the year, they were employed on copying tippans, preliminary to the distribution and formation of the District Survey Staff. Copies of Field tippans on tissue paper were prepared for 431 villages in 18 taluks, comprising 62,533 survey numbers and 14,54,707 Waslas. Besides the printing and issue of village maps, 2,547 copies of maps of 14 resettled taluks were printed by the Department and supplied to the Superintendent, Government Printing, for being bound along with the resettlement reports of the taluks concerned.

4. *Revision Settlement.*—During the year, revision settlement was introduced into the taluks of Anekal, Channapatna, Malvalli, Chamrajnagar, Gundlupet, and Krishnarajpete, resulting in an increase of revenue of Rs. 1,97,685 per year. The prescribed programme of resettlements was adhered to. There now remain in the State only three taluks—Kankanhalli, T.-Narsipur and Nanjangud, to be resettled during the next three years.

5. *Potgi to Patels and Shanbhogs.*—The assessment of original potgi of two Inam villages was completed during the year and revised potgi on account of resettlements fixed in 940 villages situated in 15 different taluks. Biennial revision of potgi was effected in 16 villages of the Seringapatam Taluk under the Krishnarajasagara reservoir, and decennial revision, in respect of 241 villages in 7 taluks and of 48 Inam villages. The Survey Superintendent is requested to see that the revision of potgi in all the taluks, resettled up-to-date, is completed early.

6. *Inams.*—During the year, 3 service Inams were confirmed, while 7 service and 15 minor Inams were resumed to Government. There was a net decrease in Inam Revenue by Rs. 42-8-0 while the Land Revenue increased by Rs. 95-8-0. Supplemental Quit-rent Registers and correction dockets were issued in twenty cases.

7. The total cost of the department, during the year under report, was Rs. 2,25,498 or Rs. 1,468 less than in the previous year. Certain retrenchments and a re-organisation of the department were sanctioned from 1st July 1926, which will result in further savings from the current year.

P. G. D'SOUZA,
Chief Secretary to Government.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Amrit Mahal Department.

READ—

Report on the working of the Amrit Mahal Department during the year 1925-26, received with letter No. P. 27 (a), dated 22nd September 1926, from the Director of Agriculture.

ORDER NO. D. 3390—A. M. 24-26-3, DATED 17TH NOVEMBER 1926.

Recorded.

There were, at the beginning of the year under review, 6,532 head of cattle in the Department; the number at the end of the year was 6,118, showing a decrease of 414. The number of births during the year was 1,350 and strayed animals returning to the herds, etc., amounted to 6, making an aggregate increase of 1,356. The number of disposals by sale was 730, of reported deaths 693, of missing animals 341, and of wrong entries 6, making a total deduction in number, of 1,770.

Of the 693 deaths reported during the year, 66 were for 1924-25, and 47 were not proved, leaving 580 proved deaths during the year; of these, 410 were due to normal causes and 170 to outbreaks of rinderpest, black-quarter, anthrax, etc.

Seven hundred and thirty animals were sold for Rs. 52,739 against 748 for Rs. 48,433 in the previous year; the cows sold (212) were mostly over ten years old and otherwise defective.

The gross demand for the year amounted to Rs. 1,19,255 as against Rs. 1,10,133 during the preceding year; the expenditure amounted to Rs. 29,535 against Rs. 32,814 in the previous year.

General.—There has been a steady improvement under all sources of income and a prominent feature this year has been the increase in the birth rate of cattle; the birth rate calculated on cows of calf-bearing age had declined from 41 per cent in 1916-17 to 20 per cent in 1924-25 but increased during the year to 39 per cent. No serious attempt has yet been made to reduce the number of animals reported as missing year by year; the number so reported this year being 341 as against 334 in 1924-25. Heavy arrears are still outstanding against the old servegars and energetic efforts should be made to collect them during the current year. The question of reorganising the Department with a view to improve its working is engaging the attention of Government.

Government are glad to note that the working of the Department shows progressive improvement and are pleased to place on record their appreciation of the services of Mr. Abdull Sherif, late Superintendent of the Amrit Mahal Department, who has retired during the current year after having been in charge of the Department for the past four years. During this period, there was marked improvement in the revenue of the Department.

C. RANGANATHA RAO SAHIB,
Secretary to Government,
Development Departments.

LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE SECRETARIAT.

Rural Reconstruction.

READ—

Circular letter No. L. 1180-7—L. B. 51-26-1, dated 17th August 1926, calling for the opinion of the Deputy Commissioners of Districts regarding the basic principles to be kept in view in distributing the grant of Rs. 1,30,000 provided in the State Budget for 1926-27 under "30 Grants for Public Improvements—for Rural Reconstruction."

2. The opinions of the Deputy Commissioners received on the subject.

ORDER NO. L. 3305-13—L. B. 51-26-14, DATED 18TH NOVEMBER 1926.

Several principles have been suggested by the different Deputy Commissioners for adoption in connection with the distribution of the above grant. The question was also considered at the meeting of the Deputy Commissioners and Heads of Departments in June last. It was resolved therein that whatever the objects may be for which the grant is made to the Village Panchayets, it should be treated as an outright grant to them and that for the present a sum of Rs. 30,000 may be reserved to meet the charges on account of Panchayets Inspectors and Clerks to be attached to the Amildars for work connected with the Village Panchayets and the balance may be placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioners to be distributed among Panchayets which stand in need of financial help to start with.

Government accept the above view and are pleased to direct that the balance of Rs. 1,00,000 remaining after the above reserve be distributed as follows:—

Mysore	Rs.	20,000
Kolar and Bangalore	,,	13,000 each
Hassan	,,	10,000
Kadur	,,	8,000 and
The remaining 3 districts	,,	12,000 each

Separate orders will issue regarding the appointment of Panchayet Inspectors and Clerks referred to above.

The Deputy Commissioners are requested to ascertain the needs of the several Panchayets, through the Amildar and Deputy Amildar concerned and distribute the amount placed at their disposal among them according to the circumstances of each case and to the extent that may conveniently be found possible.

A report showing the action taken and how the amount is distributed may be submitted for the information of Government at the end of February 1927.

B. NAGAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Local and Legislative Departments.